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PARTICIPANTS WANTED FOR ONLINE **HEALTH AWARENESS SURVEY**

The County of San Bernardino, Department of Public Health, in collaboration with the Riverside County, Department of Public Health, is seeking adult residents of Riverside and San Bernardino Counties to participate in an online Health Awareness Survey.

The anonymous survey seeks to identify patterns of risk behavior and HIV testing, especially among those who are low-income, uninsured, under-insured, immigrants of any legal status, those struggling with mental illness or addiction, as well as those who have experienced homelessness or are living with HIV or AIDS. It will also gather critical information regarding the health care and social service needs of people living with HIV or AIDS.

To take part in the survey, please visit www.myhealth.inlandempire-ca.com or www.misalud.inlandempire-ca.com. The survey will be audio assisted in Spanish and English. Additionally, local service providers, including clinics, shelters, and drug and alcohol treatment centers may schedule an on-site survey session where an outreach worker will provide a laptop on which participants can access the survey. Further information, including a list of service providers who will host sessions can be obtained by calling Claire Husted at (760) 673-8052.

The survey is a joint project of the County of San Bernardino, Department of Public Health, Riverside County, Department of Public Health, and the Inland Empire HIV Planning Council. The information collected will be used in efforts to seek public health funding for the two counties, as well as prioritize services for the Riverside/San Bernardino County Ryan White HIV/AIDS Program.

The purpose of the Ryan White Program is to maintain the optimum health of all those living with HIV/AIDS in Riverside and San Bernardino Counties through the development and implementation of a comprehensive, client-centered system of care. To learn more about the Ryan White Program, please call Scott Rigsby at (909) 388-0400.

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